



THE REPENTING SINNER

Good christians young & old give eare unto my scroll;
She saith I will unfold if you listen unto me
In tears I now lament the sinful life I spent
Lest time for to repent & seek for eternity
The day is coming fast that we must go at last
To answer for what is past & how we did destroy
The soul which God gave to us to know love & fear him
To honour and to obey him and heaven to enjoy

Good christians well you know our evils is exposed
In every sinful mode which we took delight
That's cheating & wayling during & by sleeping
Envyng our neighbours morning noon and night
Lust and fornication and vile insinuations
Bring more damnation upon our sinful soul
Drinking in every action in scandale and detraction
And all those sinful actions we never could control

On the holy sabbath-day which God himself he made
In holy work and prayer all that day should spend
And join the congregation in pious exultation
At the holy elevation of the Mass we should attend
Instead of that on sunday we spend our time until monday
Gambling drinking and offending our poor families
The pledge we have violated that blest Father Mathew
gave us
Which has brought disolation upon our country

When sickness will us seize and death upon us gaze
How can we think to face that God we did offend
Who shed his blood to save us from hell's dark burning regions
Where the devil and his angels their torments ne'er end
The Sacred hands and feet of our Redeemer sweet
To a Cross full fifteen feet was nailed with iron pins
They crown'd his head with thorns they treated him with scorn
All this the great Redeemer suffered for our sins

When death strikes his dart and wounds the sinners heart
From this world must part our eye-swings back in tears
On the left side is Satan on the right our Guardian Angel,
Before the Saviour of mankind for Judgment we appear
Hell's gates they will be open with fiends and serpents roaring
Burning fire and brimstone which we can't return
But were to repent and were bound in fiery chains

So let old & young prepare the time is drawing near
When to Judgment near Mount Calvary we'll appear
Our sins we can't deny it's useless us for to try
For there in black & white our actions words & deeds
Repair unto Confession to penance & contrition
Save your soul from perdition & all that's going astray
To pray both late & early to the Bless'd Virgin Mary
For God to show us mercy on our accosting day